



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 26, 2004

Applicant(s): David Thomas BRITTON, et al

For: SORTING SYSTEM

Serial No.: 10/042 524

Group: 3653

Confirmation No.: 6976

Filed: January 9, 2002

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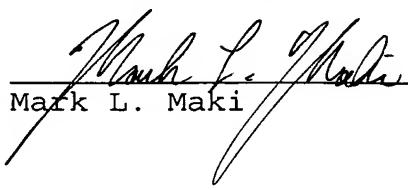
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(Please see following pages.)

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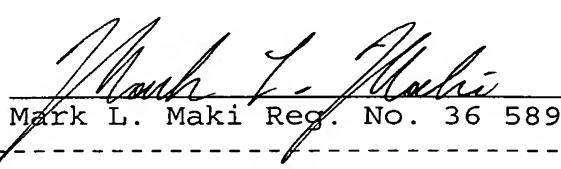
 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Basic Fee			\$770.00		\$385.00	\$0.00
Total Claims	(29 - 40 = 0)		x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	(2 - 3 = 0)		x \$ 86.00		x \$ 43.00	0.00
[] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$290.00		+ \$145.00	0.00
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 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$. A Check for \$-0- is enclosed to cover fees. Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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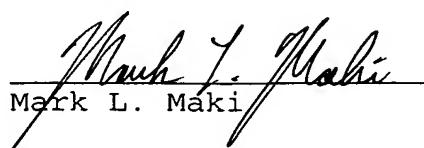
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